

PRESALL URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.ANNUAL REPORTFOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST. DECEMBER, 1950.BYS.A. NIELD-FAULKNER
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you my
Thirtieth Annual Report, being for the year 1950.

VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR.PRESALL URBAN DISTRICT POPULATION 2,209.CAUSES OF DEATH.

	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female</u>
Tuberculosis	1	1
Cancer	2	4
Heart Diseases	8	5
Vascular Lesions of the		
Nervous System	3	2
Circulatory Systems	-	1
Influenza	1	-
Bronchitis	1	2
Other Diseases	5	-
Accidents	-	1
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	21	16
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Total from all causes37

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	
Live Births (Legitimate)	22	8	14	Birth-rates per 1,000 estimated home population mid-1950:-
(Illegitimate)	1	1	-	Crude 10.4
(Total)	23	9	14	Adjusted 12.3
Stillbirths	-	-	-	Rate per 1,000 total (live & still) births:- Nil
Deaths	37	21	16	Death rate per 1,000 estimated home population mid-1950:-
				Crude 16.7
				Adjusted 12.1

Maternal mortality :-

Deaths from pregnancy, childbirth and abortion	Nil
Mortality rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births	Nil

Death rate of infants under one year of age :-

All infants per 1,000 live births	87
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	91
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	Nil

Neo-natal mortality :-

Deaths of infants under 4 weeks of age	2
Mortality rate per 1,000 live births	87

Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	6
Deaths from Measles (all ages)	Nil
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)	Nil
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Nil

Population	Per 1000 of Estimated Pop.				Maternal Mortality		Rate of Deaths under 1 year per 1,000 live births.
	<u>Live Birth Rate</u>	<u>Crude Death Rate</u>	<u>Death rate from Tuberculosis of Respiratory System</u>	<u>Death rate from Cancer</u>	<u>Rate per 1000 live births</u>	<u>Rate per 1000 total still & live births</u>	
2,209							
Mean of 5 years							
1945-1949	16.7	14.9	0.19	2.27	Nil	Nil	6
1949	16.0	13.2	0.46	2.28	Nil	Nil	Nil
1950	e 10.4	*16.7	0.91	-	Nil	Nil	87
Increase or Decrease in 1950 on 5 yrs. average							
1945-1949	- 6.3	+ 1.8	+ 0.72	-	Nil	Nil	+ 81
Previous year	- 5.6	+ 3.5	+ 0.45	-	Nil	Nil	+ 87

* 1950 adjusted death-rate (comparability factor, 0.72) = 12.1 per 1,000.

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SOCIAL STATISTICS.

Area 3,277 acres; Registrar-General's estimates of resident population 2,209; No. of inhabited houses 745; Rateable Value £14,342; Sum represented by a penny rate £55.

HEALTH SERVICES.

Ambulance, Health Service and Hospital facilities are now provided within the National Health Service. The Preesall Urban District is in the Division No. 3 of the Divisional Health Service under the Lancashire County Council.

CHILD WELFARE.

A Centre, under the management of the County Council, is held at the Parochial Hall, Lancaster Road, at 2.p.m. on Thursdays.

OFFICERS.

Your Health Officers are S.A. Nield-Faulkner, L.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., etc., who is Medical Officer of Health as a part-time Officer, and Sydney H. Senior, C.R.S.I., etc., Sanitary Inspector, who is also part-time jointly with his appointment as your Surveyor. The salaries of these officers are met as to one half by contribution from the County Council.

Officers of the County Council carry out the routine inspection of cattle for tuberculosis, and inspections under the Food and Drugs Act, 1938. Veterinary inspectors can be called in at the request of the M.O.H. The sampling of milk for School Children and inspections under the Shops Act, 1912-1934, are done by your Sanitary Inspector.

BYELAWS.

The following is a list of Byelaws in force within the district :-

- Nuisances 1901.
- Public Bathing 1901.
- Common Lodging Houses 1901
- Slaughter Houses 1901.
- Offensive Trades 1915.
- New Streets and Buildings 1925.
- Buildings 1939.
- Tents, Vans and Sheds 1939.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES.

There are 745 Houses in your district and of these 9 houses only are without supply of water from the Fylde Water Board Mains.

All but 98 houses, which are a long distance from the Sewers, are connected to Sewerage System.

There are 769 Water Closets, 1 Waste Water Closet, 38 Pail Closets and 21 Privies. There are 15 houses awaiting conversions and 47 further houses could be converted upon extension of the sewers. Plans for Sewage Works for the Park Lane District have been prepared.

Refuse Collection has been considerably improved by the purchase by the Council of a Ford 3 ton Refuse Collection Vehicle. The whole of the district has a weekly collection and the Refuse is tipped on the Controlled System on to low lying ground. Liquid and Pail Closet contents are put on the tip and covered by the House Refuse.

Arrangements were made with the shops and business premises for collection of trade refuse on payment.

SANITARY INSPECTION.

Our Inspector reports the making of 476 inspections, the discovery of 247 defects and the abating or remedying of all of them. One statutory notice was issued.

Shops Acts : The 34 shops in the district were found satisfactory as regards sanitary conveniences, temperature, ventilation and comfort of assistants where employed. The Cafes and Restaurants were visited and were seen to be clean and well conducted. Clubs and Licensed premises were also inspected.

Fish Fryers : The premises of the 3 Fish Fryers are clean and in very good order.

Schools : The two schools are satisfactory as to premises and conveniences and Water supply.

Factories : There are 22 premises registered under the Factory Act, 1937, including a Salt Works Power House, Corn Mill, Bakeries, Garages, Joiner's shops, and a Printer's works. A Notice was served in respect of a Sanitary Convenience.

House Drains : Notices were sent in respect of 49 blocked drains and these had attention by Council's Staff on payment by the owners.

Dust Bins : 17 Dust Bins were supplied and charged to the Owners of properties.

Tents, Vans, Sheds etc. : Premises of this description are not continuously occupied. 9 sites are licensed for stationing van-dwellings and tents for the Summer season only. Byelaws have been adopted for the control of moveable dwellings. Lavatory accommodation is provided, and Fylde Water is laid on to each site. The sites are well conducted and are kept very clean and tidy. There were 7 Temporary Camps occupied by Scouts and Girl Guides. Each Camp was inspected by your Sanitary Inspector. During the Summer period the population living in the district is increased by 25% by persons living in the camps.

HOUSING.

One new house was erected by private enterprise and 19 houses were built for the Local Authority.

Inspection was made of 180 houses and defects were found at each of these. All were rendered fit on informal notice.

A classification of houses in your area shows that 73 are large houses, 3 are inns, 40 are farmsteads, 34 are houses and Shops, 384 are small modern houses, 178 are good older houses, 14 poor type but habitable, and 18 are under orders for demolition.

There has not been any case of overcrowding during the year.

Work has commenced on 6 new Council houses, some of which will be shortly finished. Consideration has been given to a further 9 houses.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

The normal sampling of Milk and Foods are done by the Officers of the Lancashire County Council. Your Sanitary Inspector accompanying the Official on every occasion and aids in the sampling.

Milk Samples were taken by your Sanitary Inspector for Tuberculosis Tests, Phosphatase Tests, and Methylene Blue Tests and Bacteriological examination.

The results of Tests were :-

Raw Milk.

Tuberculosis Test - 7 samples all negative.
Bacteriological Examination - 7 samples satisfactory.

Heat Treated Milk.

Phosphatase Test - 2 samples satisfactory.
Methylene Blue Test - 2 samples satisfactory.
Tuberculosis Test - 2 samples negative.

There are two dairies in the district and eight dairy farms. There are not any persons delivering milk in the district whose premises are outside the district.

Licences issued under The Milk (Special designation) (Raw Milk) Regulations 1949, are as follows :-

Tuberculin Tested Milk - Distribution 1.
Accredited Milk - Bottling 1 - Distribution 3.

There is one dairy farm with a licence from the Lancashire County Council for production, Bottling and sale of Tuberculin tested milk.

Two persons are licensed for Retail distribution of Pasturised Milk under the Milk (Special designation) (Pasturised and Sterilised Milk) Regulations 1949.

The rest of the farms in the area produce milk which is collected by Lorries and conveyed to depots outside the district.

Inspections were made of home killed pigs.

There are not any Slaughter Houses in the district. Two Butchers Shops are inspected regularly.

The Four Bakehouses in the district are satisfactory.

Food Premises are licensed under the Lancashire County Council (Rivers Board and General Powers) Act, 1939, under Sections 115 and 116.

Hawkers are also licensed under the above Act.

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INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

There were only 10 cases of Infectious Diseases notified during the year, 8 of which were of children under school age.

Notifications were as follows :-

Scarlet Fever	3
Measles	1
Whooping Cough	2
Acute Pneumonia	1
Erysipelas	1
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Total	10

There was one notification of Tuberculosis to the respiratory organs of a child of two years of age.

The general health of the District is very good.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

S.A.NIELD-FAULKNER.

INFECTION DISEASES

There were only 10 cases of Infectious Diseases notified during the year, 8 of which were children under school age.

A Notification was as follows:-

Scarlet Fever	2
Diphtheria	1
Whooping Cough	2
Acute Bronchitis	1
Erysipelas	1
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There was one notification of Typhoid in the respiratory organs of a child of 12 years of age.

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S. A. HILD-PAULSEN.